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# H. R. 3985

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 29, 2007

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. MICA, and Mr. DUNCAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Over-the-Road Bus  
5       Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARRIERS OF PAS-**  
2 **SENGERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13902(a)(1) of title 49,  
4 United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
6 graph (B)(iii);

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
8 paragraph (D); and

9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(C) the accessibility requirements estab-  
12 lished by the Secretary under subpart H of part  
13 37 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, or  
14 such successor regulations to those accessibility  
15 requirements as the Secretary may issue, for  
16 transportation provided by an over-the-road  
17 bus; and”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections  
19 13902(a)(5) and 13905(d)(1)(A) of such title are each  
20 amended by inserting after “Board” the following: “(in-  
21 cluding the accessibility requirements established by the  
22 Secretary under subpart H of part 37 of title 49, Code  
23 of Federal Regulations, or such successor regulations to  
24 those accessibility requirements as the Secretary may  
25 issue, for transportation provided by an over-the-road  
26 bus)”.

1 **SEC. 3. OVER-THE-ROAD BUS DEFINED.**

2 Section 13102 of title 49, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(27) OVER-THE-ROAD BUS.—The term ‘over-  
5 the-road bus’ means a bus characterized by an ele-  
6 vated passenger deck located over a baggage com-  
7 partment.”.

8 **SEC. 4. DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF REGISTRA-**  
9 **TION REQUIREMENTS.**

10 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act, the Secretary shall take necessary actions to  
12 implement the changes required by the amendment made  
13 by section 2(a) relating to registration of motor carriers  
14 providing transportation by an over-the-road bus.

15 **SEC. 5. COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUS-**  
16 **TICE.**

17 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment  
18 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation and the Attor-  
19 ney General shall enter into a memorandum of under-  
20 standing to delineate the specific roles and responsibilities  
21 of the Department of Transportation and the Department  
22 of Justice, respectively, in enforcing the compliance of  
23 motor carriers of passengers providing transportation by  
24 an over-the-road bus (as defined in section 13102 of title  
25 49, United States Code) with the accessibility require-  
26 ments established by the Secretary under subpart H of

1 part 37 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, or such  
2 successor regulations to those accessibility requirements  
3 as the Secretary may issue. Such memorandum shall rec-  
4 ognize the Department of Transportation's statutory re-  
5 sponsibilities as clarified by this Act (including the amend-  
6 ments made by this Act).

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